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Attorney Docket No.	MTS-3200US

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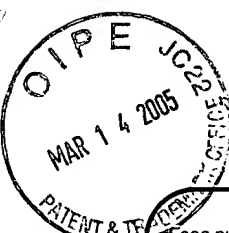
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity	
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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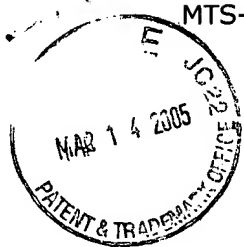
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Applicant: Shusaku Okamoto, et al.
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Examiner: Tung T. Vo
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Docket No.: MTS-3200US

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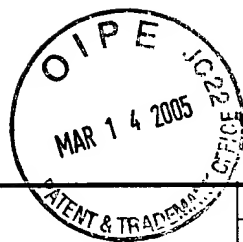
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